

DAILY SCARES CONTINUE

Messina and Surrounding District Still Feel Shocks

QUESTION AS TO FUTURE

Survivors in Messina Urge the Rebuilding of the City—Persons Found Alive in the Ruins After Being Entombed for Ten Days.

Rome, Jan. 9.—The archbishop of Messina performed the ceremony of blessing the city in the presence of the crews of foreign warships and the soldiers on Wednesday. He exhorted the survivors to take courage and join in the work of rescue. His address was received with cheers. As he walked through the streets many women spread their ragged garments on the ground before him.

The last of the foreign warships will leave the straits of Messina to-day. Shocks continue to be felt in Messina and the surrounding district. Thursday night there were extensive vibrations at Palmi, Monteleone, Bagnara, Cernusco and Messina. Walls and some buildings that were left standing after the disaster were thrown down, and there was a panic among the people.

At Palmi, where the shock was short, the walls of the earthquake, which had withstood the earthquake, collapsed. As the shocks continue, new fire break out in Messina. A blaze Thursday completed the destruction of the City Hall and the records stored there.

Many of the survivors are urging that steps be taken immediately for the rebuilding of the city. At a meeting of survivors held Thursday resolutions were adopted calling for rebuilding as soon as possible. Engineers have been instructed to erect temporary buildings, from which the administration of the city's affairs may be conducted. These will be placed in the southern section of the city.

London, Jan. 9.—The duchess of Tonia had a narrow escape from death in Naples harbor Thursday. She is one of the Italian Red Cross relief party on board the steamship Taormina, which touched at Naples. As she was descending the ship's side by ladder to board a launch that was lying alongside, the launch swung against the ladder and the duchess fell into the launch and thence into the bay and might have been crushed between the launch and the steamship but for the promptitude of a sailor, who pulled her into the launch.

To the astonishment of the rescuers themselves, it is reported seven more persons were found Thursday alive after

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ten days and nights spent entombed in the ruins of Messina. The majority of them, however, as with those rescued after nine days, seemed to have lived only to see the day again and died shortly after being brought into the open air. Two or three are still lingering in the field hospitals with slight chances of life.

There will be abandoning the search, says Gen. Nizza, commanding the forces at Messina until the day passes when no living prisoner is found. The last of the living, it is again believed, were removed Thursday. Yet as each day has been reported for some time past as bringing probably the last of the survivors, there is still the diminishing chance that others may be found. Those rescued of late have, according to accounts, all been at the very point of death from hardship and privation. None is known to have been able to give any plain account of their experiences during the ten days of their apparently hopeless entombment.

The age of those found alive, by a curious tendency, has seemed to increase as the days go on, rather than to tend toward the prime of life. Forty-eight hours ago was found one old woman of 80 years.

Again, Thursday, the work in the ruins was hindered and made perilous by earthquakes and avalanches of masonry. In one hour ten very noticeable shocks were felt. Occasionally the quaking occurs severe enough to shatter a city, if there were a city standing. Nothing occurred, however, that can be compared to the original convulsion of Dec. 28. The extreme violence of this far exceeded all that followed, as shown by the tidal wave and by the duration of the shock, 32 seconds. The worst trembling since has not outlasted a few seconds.

Fire is still hidden in the ruins of Messina, where it breaks out in an occasional conflagration of obscure origin. Such a fire sprung up Thursday in the ruins of the city hall building and raged where it was almost inaccessible, among the masses of ruin where the city records lay. As it spent itself before extinction, those working at Messina think likely that there was a final wiping out of all records and deeds that might have escaped earlier destruction.

Premier Giolitti's latest communication regarding the government's labor in the ruins, published Thursday in Rome, is as follows: "The rescuers during the first week saved 12,000 persons, some wounded and others unharmed, from the ruins. At the same time all the survivors, the total running up into the tens of thousands, have been moved away, nourished, clothed and housed, all at the expense of the government. There are no survivors at Messina excepting a small number being embarked on a steamer for Taormina or on board emigrant vessels placed at their disposal to convey them to a point near Syracuse. These last refugees can live for one month with the provisions on the vessels transporting them."

The prompt co-operation of foreign aid added much to the rapidity and thoroughness of the relief work, and in this respect America stands first. Our gratitude to the United States will endure forever. Reports from Messina speak, notwithstanding, of a small body of men, Messina's leading commercial citizens of former times, who have insisted on remaining. Some have fortunes in securities, currency or valuables still buried in strong boxes and bank vaults. Special searches for such treasures are being carried on by hired gangs at certain points. There is a movement among Messina's one influential men to stay on the ground alone in order to further the prospect of Messina's being rebuilt. Former citizens still on the scene are said to be earnest partisans of the policy of restoring the ancient city. Their steadfast attitude they hope may go far toward restoring Messina, now that the government is considering the advisability of abandoning the site forever.

With a view to selecting a safer and less encumbered spot for a new Messina, engineers and sanitary experts are already examining the adjacent plain of Mosella. A beginning will probably soon be made by erecting temporary barracks and shelters there. Those conducting the inspection of the ground will soon have a report prepared on its susceptibility to earth shocks and inundation, its drainage, its capacity for bearing foundations, and other necessary details.

Business Improvements.
New York, Jan. 9.—Dispatches to R. G. Dun & Co. indicate improvement in most branches of trade and industry, and confidence in a good spring business is general. Reports from nearly all lines of trade at Boston are encouraging, although colder weather is needed to attain best results. Dry goods jobbing houses are busy making shipments on advance orders, while reports from woolen mills are favorable. Business in meat is particularly active.

For the five days of the week total bank exchanges at all leading cities in the United States are \$3,082,114,976. The five days this week compare with a full week in both preceding years.

F. C. Pole, Wanted in Montreal.
Cincinnati, Jan. 9.—Frederick Corby Pole, 34, wanted in Montreal on a charge of grand larceny in the sum of \$25,000, has surrendered himself to the police there. The money, it is charged, was taken while Pole was employed by the brokerage firm of McCraig Brothers & Co., in 1906.

Earl and Miss Mills Get Marriage License
New York, Jan. 9.—The Earl of Granard and Miss Jane Beatrice Mills, the daughter of Ogden Mills of this city, went to the City Hall marriage license bureau yesterday and obtained a license to be married.

Five Boys Arrested on Murder Charge.
St. Louis, Jan. 9.—Five boys were arrested in a city school yesterday on the charge of murdering William Wachter, a peddler.

SENATE HEAVES ANOTHER BRICK

The Culberson Resolution is Passed

QUESTIONS THE PRESIDENT

Report Asked for from Committee on Judiciary—A Few More Diplomatic and Consular Nominations.

Washington, Jan. 9.—By a viva voce vote the Senate yesterday passed Senator Culberson's resolution instructing the committee on the judiciary to report to the Senate whether the president was authorized to permit the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the United States Steel Corporation.

Preceding that action Senator Hopkins, renewing his objection to the resolution on the ground that the president did not approve the act of the steel corporation in absorbing the Tennessee Coal & Iron company, moved to lay Senator Culberson's resolution on the table as soon as it was called up by the Texas senator yesterday. On that motion the vote was 14 yeas to 47 nays, the yeas vote being as follows: Burkett, Carter, Cummins, Curtis, Dixon, Dupont, Dewey, Hopkins, Keam, McCumber, Platt, Penrose, Richardson and Warner. All of the senators voting to lay the resolution on the table were Republicans, and of the 47 votes against that motion 21 were cast by Democrats and 26 by Republicans. Mr. Culberson then moved the adoption of his resolution, and by a viva voce vote it was adopted, no division being called for.

Census Bill Before the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The bill providing for the next and subsequent decennial census was on the Senator calendar for yesterday. It was in charge of Senator Long, who pressed its consideration and will continue to do so until final action is taken. Two amendments to be offered to the bill are calculated to provoke debate, one placing the 3,000 employees of the census bureau here under the civil service commission, and the other authorizing the director of the census to contract with private firms for printing the census reports.

Senator Lodge, it is expected, will offer the civil service amendment, while an amendment reported by the census committee will favor printing outside of the government if the director finds that such a course will be advantageous to the government.

Would Accept Gift to West Point.
The president yesterday sent to the Senate with his approval a recommendation of the secretary of war that a donation of three hundred acres of land known as Constitution Island, opposite West Point, N. Y., for use of the military academy, by Mrs. Sage and Miss Warner, be accepted by the government.

Error in Diplomatic Bill Amendment.
Senator Lodge yesterday withdrew from the Senate the report made by him from the committee on foreign relations in favor of an amendment to the diplomatic and consular bill creating an embassy at Peking, instead of a legation. He announced that the report had been made in error.

Rivers and Harbors Committee Delays.
The House committee on rivers and harbors met again yesterday to decide upon a bill appropriating money for water ways improvements, but action was postponed until Monday.

Experts on Cotton Grades.
As experts to establish the nine official grades of cotton which Congress directed to be prepared, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson yesterday announced the appointment of a half-dozen business men to act as a committee to meet in Washington on Feb. 1. All are members of widely known cotton firms. The committee is still incomplete.

TO PUBLISH TILLMAN PAPERS.
This Decision Reached By The President.

Washington, Jan. 9.—President Roosevelt has decided to make public the papers in the case connecting Senator Tillman with an Oregon land company, with the avowed purpose of preventing a further befogging of the public mind with the published statements, understood to emanate from the Tillman and his friends, that the South Carolina senator had been "shadowed by secret service men" in connection with the investigation of the company. The fact is understood to be that Tillman brought his own name into the case by an attack upon the company made by him on the floor of the Senate, which stirred up the post office inspectors in the regular course of their business; and that their investigations led to revelations which the senator will find it difficult to explain. The character of the evidence is understood to be such that it would stand in court, as far as authenticity is concerned; and the exhibits will include photographs of letters written in connection with the business of the company. Friends of the administration believe that an unfair advantage will be taken of the public credulity if Senator Tillman is permitted to "reply" to charges whose nature has been misrepresented in advance, and of whose real merit the people can know nothing unless full publicity is given to them. The papers may be made public at any time.

Tillman Has Good Record.
In view of the investigation by secret service agents of Senator B. R. Tillman of South Carolina, and the sensational defenses which he is ex-

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It is recalled here that the senator already has been made the subject of investigation. When certain muck-raking magazines were in the most violent stage of their campaign, a trained writer was detailed to look up the record of Tillman. He started with the birth of the South Carolina senator, and studied every public and important act of his life, finally reaching the conclusion that Tillman was spotless. "He is the most honest man in Congress," was the report turned in by the agent.

FOR PROBATION OFFICERS.

New Measure Introduced By Mr. McCall.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative McCall introduced a bill yesterday providing for the appointment of probation officers and the suspension of sentence in the United States courts. It is proposed that probation officers examine into the character and surroundings of certain persons convicted, and if they so recommend, judicial clemency could be exercised and the probation officers would control the parole of the prisoners and report to the court at stated intervals. By this means a class of prisoners could be kept at work outside the prison walls pending good behavior.

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LONG-MISSING AERONAUT FOUND IN THE NORTH SEA

Body of German Lieutenant Lost Last October Is Picked Up.

Hamburg, Jan. 9.—The body of Lieut. Foertsch, the German aeronaut, who lost his life at sea last October, was picked up in the North sea two days ago by the fishing schooner Orion. The remains were identified by papers in the pockets of the dead man. Lieut. Foertsch was a participant in the international balloon contest that was started from Berlin, Oct. 12. He went aloft in the German balloon Hersele. The balloon was picked up Oct. 17, 100 miles northwest of Heligoland, but there was no sign of the occupant. All the other aeronauts were accounted for.

All the occupants have been accounted for except Lieut. Foertsch's companion.

WHISKEY TEST CASE.

Court Asked to Decide What Constitutes The Real Stuff.

Washington, Jan. 9.—A pivotal case which all distillers and retailers are watching closely has been set for trial the first week in February in the supreme court of the District of Columbia. This is the case of the government against the James Clark distilling company of Baltimore growing out of the seizure by the government about nine months ago in this city of about fifty barrels of whiskey on the ground that it was misbranded under the definition of whiskey as enunciated by Attorney General Bonaparte. Many cases in different sections of the country await the action taken in the case. Whichever side wins an appeal will be taken to the United States supreme court and that august tribunal will be asked to define what constitutes "pure enough whiskey."

The government is making unusual preparations for the trial. It has deftly secured the services of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the food expert. Dr. Wiley is expected to make in the presence of the court and the jury the identical compounds now sold as whiskey, but which the government will contend should be branded "imitation whiskey."

The National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association and other associations will hear the expense of the litigation for the distillers' side of it.

LOBBYISTS CHECKED.

Minnesota Legislature Bars Them from Corridors.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 9.—Lobbyists are given the cold shoulder in rules adopted yesterday by the lower house of the Minnesota legislature. A rule of last session provided that no lobbyist should be permitted to enter the floor of the House or in the retiring room during the sessions. The amendment bars them from the corridors on either side of the House chamber. The Senate rules, which contain a similar provision, will be presented next week.

GOT COLD FEET.

Escaping Prisoners Found Zero Weather and Came Back.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 9.—Forty-two prisoners in the city jail are congratulating themselves on possessing warm quarters despite the fact that they were near freedom Thursday night. With three others they had tunneled their way outside the walls, but, getting one breath of the icy air, all but three returned to their bunks. They declared they preferred prison to freedom in zero weather.

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SCRAMBLE FOR CABINET JOBS

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IT KEEPS ON GRINDING

Looks Like Meyer for Navy—Senator Knox Keeps on Advising, But When the State Is Filled It Will Be a Genuine Taft Affair.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 9.—From the cabinet mill, which goes slow but mangles its victims exceeding fine, there fell yesterday a blasted hope and a lacerated ambition. The first definite development since Senator Knox's arrival here was that Col. Robert M. Thompson of New York, who has been considered the next secretary of the navy, will not be in the Taft cabinet. After the development Senator Knox, still wearing the dignified, aseptic expression that is his, went to his room to write letters, and Mr. Taft, smiling as broadly as ever, wended his way to the golf links.

But while one man is massacred by the wheels which are turning out the cabinet, another gains, and the chances of George von Lengerke Meyer becoming secretary of the navy are brighter. It was said that there may be several announcements this afternoon from either Mr. Knox or Mr. Taft. However, it is not certain that any decisions will be reached.

Although Mr. Knox had an engagement to play golf with Mr. Taft, Senator Bourne, and John Hays Hammond yesterday morning, he found that he had some important correspondence to get off and gave up the game. Mr. Knox still thinks that cabinet matters will be sufficiently straightened out for him to return to Washington Sunday, and he has made train reservations with this in view.

The pressure for cabinet jobs is becoming tremendous. Hitchcock is being asked to push his friends. Hammond is getting similar requests, while Taft and Knox are simply overwhelmed with communications, showing that this is a country inhabited by solely cabinet timber and men whose greatness is only awaiting a chance to exploit itself.

But the next cabinet will be strictly a Taft cabinet. This was developed in the conference between Taft and Knox Thursday. Although much has been written about how greatly Taft would rely on Knox's advice, it is assured that he regards it as advice alone, and that he will select a cabinet which will measure up first to his ideas and policies. Recommendations are all very well in the early stages of the game, but they are losing weight at this date. The mill has started, and it is working only on material that has already been tested.

DYNAMITE IN STOVE.

Bullock Threw It in With Wood; Loges Leg.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 9.—John Bullock, 30 years old, had his right leg amputated at Cooper hospital early yesterday morning. Bullock accidentally threw a stick of dynamite in his stove, along with some wood, at his home in Williamstown, thirty miles from here. The stove and room were badly wrecked, and Bullock's leg was badly mangled.



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MAGISTRATE REMOVED FROM OFFICE

Found Guilty of Charges Brought Against Him By Bar Association—Court Orders His Removal.

New York, Jan. 9.—The appellate division of the supreme court yesterday handed down a decision removing Police Magistrate Otto H. Droege from office. The opinion in the case, written by Justice Ingraham, concludes "charges sustained and respondent removed from office."

The accusations against Magistrate Droege were that after committing disorderly women to the workhouse he had, a few days after, signed orders for their release after fees had been paid to lawyers who undertook to get the women out on a magistrate's probationary order. The release of the women in nearly every case was obtained by two lawyers.

BRANDENBURG TRIAL JAN. 25.

Justice Dowling Today Fixes The Date.

New York, Jan. 9.—Justice Dowling today decided that Broughton Brand-

burg must stand trial on Jan. 25 on the charge of grand larceny in the second degree for selling the article published during the last campaign, which was alleged to have been written by former President Grover Cleveland.

KERN'S STOCK RISES.

His Chances to Win Senate Seat Are Improving.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 9.—The stock of John W. Kern in the United States Senatorship contest has been rising in the last few days. This much is admitted by persons who are in touch with the situation. Even some of the supporters of all of the senatorship candidates, except those of Slack, admitted today that the chances of Mr. Kern are growing.

It was stated today by those who are managing the Kern campaign that Mr. Kern has thirty-five votes pledged for the first ballot. The general opinion prevails that the senatorship race will narrow down to Kern and Slack. Only forty-two votes are required to nominate a United States Senator in the Democratic caucus.

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